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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Y. NAKANO, et al

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For: DATABASE PROCESSING METHOD, APPARATUS FOR  
IMPLEMENTING SAME, AND MEDIUM CONTAINING PROCESSING  
PROGRAM THEREFOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 3, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows.

**Amendments to the Claims.**

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